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Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 9:20 AM
To: R6 FOIA
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #EPA-HQ-2018-009132

Environmental Protection Agency
FOIA Office
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20004

July 3, 2018

This is a follow up to request number EPA-HQ-2018-009132:

Nancy,

In regard to the questions in your 7/2 reply to my FOIA Request: EPA-R6-2018-009132:

Yes. I am requesting a fee waiver.

As to your request for clarification of the type of records I'm requesting:

- My FOIA request did detail a specific subject matter: "... the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load, also known as a TMDL, in the Illinois River Watershed or impaired water bodies in Arkansas and Oklahoma."
- My FOIA request did detail a specific date range in requesting emails "sent or received from June 1, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed."
- My FOIA request should include, but not be limited to, the following authors and recipients: Water Quality Division of EPA Region 6, Taimur Shaikh, David Garcia, Arturo Blanco, Cheryl Seager, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Mike Teague, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy & Environment, Cherokee Nation.
- My FOIA request should include, but not be limited to, searches of the following keywords or phrases: Total Maximum Daily Load, TMDL, Illinois River, Lake Tenkiller, scenic rivers, statement of joint principles and action, nutrient, pollution, phosphorus, algal blooms, dissolved oxygen, impaired, 303(d)

Please let me know if you don't have enough clarification to start fulfilling my FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Joe Wertz

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On June 29, 2018:

06/29/2018 06:11 PM FOIA Request: EPA-R6-2018-009132

Dear Mr. Wertz:

This email is in regards to your FOIA Request: EPA-R6-2018-009132 in which you requested, "the following records: Copies of all email communications regarding the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load, also known as a TMDL, in the Illinois River Watershed or impaired water bodies in Arkansas and Oklahoma sent or received from June 1, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed."

Please let us know if you are requesting a fee waiver for the following reason: disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

In addition, please assist us by describing and clarifying the type of records you are requesting to "include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter. If known, you should include any file designations or descriptions for the records that you want. The more specific you are about the records or type of records that you want, the more likely EPA will be able to identify and locate records responsive to your request. . ." 40 C.F.R. § 2.102(c).

In general in order to search for email records, we search by names of staff, keywords, date range, email domains of non-EPA persons. As currently described, your FOIA request is broad and will generate voluminous records that may not be responsive.

We look forward to your clarification.

Thanks,

Nancy Ho

EPA Region 6 FOIA Team

On June 29, 2018:

The FOIA request EPA-HQ-2018-009132 has had its Tracking Number changed to EPA-R6-2018-009132. This is normally due to the request being transferred to another agency (for example, EPA to Dept. of Commerce) or to a sub-agency to process it. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- * Old Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2018-009132

- * New Tracking Number: EPA-R6-2018-009132

- * Requester Name: Joe Wertz

- * Date Submitted: 06/29/2018

- * Long Description: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Copies of all email communications regarding the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load, also known as a TMDL, in the Illinois

River Watershed or impaired water bodies in Arkansas and Oklahoma sent or received from June 1, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. I am a representative of the news media actively gathering news for an organization that publishes and broadcasts news to the public. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires

On June 29, 2018:

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: View Request. Request information is as follows: (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov:443/foia/action/public/view/request?objectId=090004d2819adb78>)

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